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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

*ZUKER et al.*

Application No.: 09/492,029

Filed: January 26, 2000

For: ASSAYS FOR SENSORY  
MODULATORS USING A SENSORY  
CELL SPECIFIC G-PROTEIN BETA  
SUBUNIT

Examiner: Manjunath Rao, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please consider the following remarks and amendments. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from July 9, 2003 to October 9, 2003, is submitted herewith.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.